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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5 and 6 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim 6 is objected to because of the following informalities: On page 28, line 9, --and-- should follow "coupler". Appropriate correction is required.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Su (992) in view of Chaput et al (606).

As seen in figs. 1 and 3, Su teaches a lock housing 1, 11, a latch bolt 2, a dead bolt 3, two shafts 22, 32 between a door handle 23 and a first manually operable member 33, the shafts extending through an intermediate portion of the housing between the left and right end portions of the housing, a coupler 5 situated at the right end portion of the housing and having protrusions 51, 52 at its bottom and top to cooperate with a first projection 6 on the shaft 32, wherein door handle 23 rotation drives the coupler 5 such that the first protrusion 52 engages the first projection 6 on the shaft 32 to rotate the first manually operable member 33. Chaput et al (606) teaches a slidable coupler 34 having a middle portion slide slot 37, 38 to receive a retainer 35, 36, which retainer also engages the lock housing 32. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide a slide slot in the middle portion of the coupler 5 of Su to receive a retainer therein, in view of the teaching of Chaput et al, the motivation being to provide a guide for the proper movement of the coupler 5 of Su.

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Claims 2-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the modified Su reference as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Huang (596). Huang teaches a second deadbolt 32 and a second manually operable member 34 including a shaft portion 33 between the door handle 18 and first manually operable member 24, the shaft 33 including a second projection 531, 541 cooperable with a second protrusion 425 of the coupler 40, as well as a restoring spring 428 between the coupler 40 and the lock housing 13. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide a second deadbolt, second manually operable member including a shaft and second projection cooperable with a second protrusion of the coupler, and a restoring spring with the lock of Su, in view of the teaching of Huang, the motivation being to provide a second deadbolt for added security.

Claims 5 and 6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

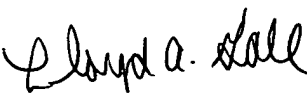
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lloyd A. Gall whose telephone number is 703-308-0828. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bagnell can be reached on 703-308-2151. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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